

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A comb for applying a product to keratinous fibers, comprising:

an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product,  
wherein said arrangement of teeth is obtained by assembling at least two parts, and  
wherein, after assembling, said at least two parts comprise a first part with teeth inclined in a first direction and a second part with teeth inclined in a second direction different from said first direction, and the two parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge,

wherein an inner edge of each of said teeth of said first part lies in a same plane as an inner edge of each of said teeth of said second part, ~~and~~

wherein the teeth of said first part are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of said second part, and

wherein, after assembling, said teeth of one of said two parts have ends which converge toward ends of said teeth of another of said two parts.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A comb for applying a product to keratinous fibers comprising:

an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product,  
wherein said arrangement of teeth is obtained by assembling at least two parts along an axis,

wherein the two parts are formed of a single piece of a molded thermoplastic material and the two parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge,

wherein each of the teeth of said two parts has at least part of an edge that lies in a same plane as an axis of said film hinge, ~~and~~

wherein the teeth of one of said two parts are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of another of said two parts, and

wherein, after assembling, said teeth of one of said two parts have ends which converge toward ends of said teeth of another of said two parts.

Claims 26-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of the parts comprises a succession of teeth configured in the form of at least one row connected to a base of elongate shape extending along an axis.

Claims 29-31 (Canceled).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 28, wherein when viewed perpendicularly to the axis, two consecutive teeth form between them a notch.

Claim 33 (Canceled).

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein the comb is secured to an element for grasping.

Claim 35 (Canceled).

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A comb for applying a product to keratinous fibers, comprising:

an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product,  
wherein said arrangement of teeth includes at least two parts along an axis,  
wherein the two parts are formed by a single piece of thermoplastic and are joined together pivotably by a film hinge, and

wherein the film hinge is oriented at a right angle to the axis of the arrangement,  
wherein each of the teeth of said two parts has at least part of an edge that lies in a same plane as an axis of said film hinge, ~~and~~

wherein the teeth of one of said two parts are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of another of said two parts, and

wherein, after assembling, said teeth of one of said two parts have ends which converge toward ends of said teeth of another of said two parts.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 25, wherein the film hinge is oriented parallel to the axis of the arrangement.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 36, further comprising an element for grasping said comb, and wherein the comb is fixed to said element for grasping by an end located away from the film hinge.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, which comprises a means capable of consolidating the assembly of the two parts.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 25, wherein the thermoplastic comprises at least one of graphite, molybdenum disulfide, and Teflon.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein the parts are made of different materials.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one portion of at least one of the parts is covered in flocking.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): A comb as claimed in claim 25, wherein said comb further comprises a layer of absorbent material inserted between the two parts.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 43, wherein said absorbent material is chosen from open-cell or semi-open-cell foams, felts, wovens and nonwovens.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): A set for applying a product, comprising:  
a container for containing a reserve of product, and  
an applicator capable of being arranged removably on the container, said applicator comprising an element for grasping equipped with a comb ~~as claimed in claim 24~~ for applying a product to keratinous fibers, comprising:  
an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product,  
wherein said arrangement of teeth is obtained by assembling at least two parts,  
and

wherein, after assembling, said at least two parts comprise a first part with teeth inclined in a first direction and a second part with teeth inclined in a second direction different from said first direction, and the two parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge,

wherein an inner edge of each of said teeth of said first part lies in a same plane as an inner edge of each of said teeth of said second part, and

wherein the teeth of said first part are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of said second part.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The use of a set as claimed in claim 45 for applying make-up to the eyelashes or eyebrows.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein said arrangement of teeth is capable of applying said product to at least one of eyelashes and eyebrows.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): The comb as claimed in claim 24 55, wherein, after assembling, said teeth of one of said two parts have ends which diverge from ends of said teeth of another of said two parts.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The comb as claimed in claim 24 55, wherein, after assembling, said teeth of one of said two parts have ends which converge toward ends of said teeth of another of said two parts.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): The comb as claimed in claim 24 55, wherein, after assembling, said teeth of one of said two parts have ends which cross ends of said teeth of another of said two parts.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein bases of two consecutive teeth form between them a V-shaped notch.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 45, wherein said product is a cosmetic product.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 52, wherein said product is for eyelashes or eyebrows.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 45, wherein said container is fitted with a wringing-out member.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): A comb for applying a cosmetic product, comprising:

a first part with a first succession of teeth connected to a first elongated base having an end free of teeth;

a second part with a second succession of teeth connected to a second elongated base having an end free of teeth; and

a wand having a hole with a cross-section,

wherein said first part is coupled to said second part so that said ends free of teeth of said first and second elongated bases form a base portion having said cross section so that said base portion fits into said hole of said wand,

wherein the first and second parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge, and

wherein an inner edge of each of said teeth of said first part lies in a same plane as an inner edge of each of said teeth of said second part, and

wherein the teeth of said first part are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of said second part.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 55, wherein said cross-section is triangular.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 55, wherein said first elongated base and said second elongated base are in contact with each other over an entire length over which said first and second succession of teeth extend.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): A comb as claimed in claim 55, wherein said base portion extends at least over an entire length over which said first and second succession of teeth extend.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 58, wherein said cross-section is parallelepiped in shape.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): A comb as claimed in claim 55, wherein said first and second elongated bases are in contact with each other at least over an entire length over which said first and second succession of teeth extend.

Claims 61-69 (Canceled).

Claim 70 (Currently Amended): ~~The comb as claimed in claim 24,~~ A comb for applying a product to keratinous fibers, comprising:  
an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product,  
wherein said arrangement of teeth is obtained by assembling at least two parts, and  
wherein, after assembling, said at least two parts comprise a first part with teeth inclined in a first direction and a second part with teeth inclined in a second direction different from said first direction, and the two parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge,  
wherein an inner edge of each of said teeth of said first part lies in a same plane as an inner edge of each of said teeth of said second part, and  
wherein the teeth of said first part are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of said second part,  
said comb further comprising a gripping member connected to a wand, said wand having an end defining a hole, and wherein the assembled at least two parts form an end portion that is free of teeth, said end portion having a cross-section shape corresponding to said hole of said wand such that said end portion fits into said hole and such that said at least two parts are connected to said gripping member.



Claim 71 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 70, wherein said wand, said gripping member and said arrangement of teeth are aligned with each other along a common axis.

Claim 72 (Currently Amended): ~~The comb as claimed in claim 25,~~ A comb for applying a product to keratinous fibers comprising:  
an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product,  
wherein said arrangement of teeth is obtained by assembling at least two parts along an axis,  
wherein the two parts are formed of a single piece of a molded thermoplastic material and the two parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge,  
wherein each of the teeth of said two parts has at least part of an edge that lies in a same plane as an axis of said film hinge, and  
wherein the teeth of one of said two parts are offset in a staggered configuration relative to the teeth of another of said two parts,  
said comb further comprising a grasping element connected to a wand, said wand having an end defining a hole, and wherein the assembled at least two parts form an end portion that is free of teeth, said end portion having a cross-section shape corresponding to said hole of said wand such that said end portion fits into said hole and such that said at least two parts are connected to said grasping member.

Claim 73 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 72, wherein only a portion of said hinge is located inside said hole of said wand and a rest of said hinge is located outside said wand.

Claim 74 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 72, wherein an entirety of said hinge is located inside said hole of said wand.

Claim 75 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein said hinge film has an axis that lies in said same plane of each of said inner edges of said first and second parts.

Claim 76 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 24, wherein each of the teeth of said first and second parts have a curved outer edge that meets said inner edge at said same plane.

Claim 77 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 25, wherein said teeth of said two parts are connected to an elongated base extending along an axis, and wherein when viewed along the axis, two consecutive teeth have free ends which diverge.

Claim 78 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 25, wherein said teeth of said two parts are connected to an elongated base extending along an axis, and wherein when viewed along the axis, two consecutive teeth have free ends which converge and end on said same plane.

Claim 79 (Previously Presented): The comb as claimed in claim 25, wherein said teeth of said two parts are connected to an elongated base extending along an axis, and wherein when viewed along the axis, two consecutive teeth have free ends which cross each other.

Claim 80 (Previously Presented): A set for applying a product, comprising:

a container for containing a reserve of product, and  
an applicator capable of being arranged removably in the container, said applicator comprising an element for grasping equipped with a comb comprising an arrangement of teeth capable of applying said product, said arrangement of teeth being obtained by assembling at least two distinct parts that are different in shape from each other such that said parts are not mirror images of each other, and wherein after assembling, said at least two parts comprise a first part with teeth inclined in a first direction and a second part with teeth inclined in a second direction different from said first direction, and the two parts are joined together pivotably by a film hinge.

Claim 81 (Previously Presented): A set for applying a product as claimed in claim 80, wherein said first part is linear such that the teeth of the first part are inclined in a first linear direction and the second part is linear such that the teeth of the second part are inclined in a second linear direction, and the two linear parts are joined together pivotably by the film hinge.

Claim 82 (Previously Presented): A set for applying a product as claimed in claim 81, wherein an overall orientation of the teeth on the first linear part is not parallel to an overall orientation of the teeth on the second linear part.

Claim 83 (Previously Presented): A set for applying a product as claimed in claim 82, wherein each teeth of said first linear part has a root connected to said first linear part and a tip away from said root and each teeth of said second linear part has a root connected to said second linear part and a tip away from said root; wherein, after assembly, each tooth from the first linear part is adjacent to a tooth from the second linear part so as to form pairs of

adjacent teeth; and wherein roots of the pairs of adjacent teeth are adjacent to each other and tips of the pairs of adjacent teeth are away from said roots.

Claim 84 (Previously Presented): A set for applying a product as claimed in claim 80, further comprising a fixing mechanism that maintains the two parts fixed to each other in a position relative to each other such that the teeth are inclined in said first and second directions, wherein said fixing mechanism is distinct from the film hinge.

Claim 85 (Previously Presented): A set for applying a product as claimed in claim 84, wherein said fixing mechanism includes at least one of a snap-fastening mechanism, a wedging mechanism, a welding mechanism or a bonding mechanism.